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## **MONTANANS MEET TO FORGE BUSINESS TIES WITH CHINESE DELEGATION -**

Representatives from the local business community and the Montana World Trade Center at The University of Montana will meet with a dozen Chinese government and business leaders on Tuesday, Jan. 18, in Missoula. The meeting will explore opportunities for partnership between companies in Montana and businesses and government in Guangxi, China. The region, home to some 48 million people, recently became a sister state to Montana. Members of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Guangxi Sub-Council, also have met with Montana officials to identify possibilities for joint ventures at the state level. MWTC Senior Manager Fraser McLeay foresees partnerships in which Montana companies assist Guangxi with large-scale projects like sustainable mining development and pollution cleanup. Multinational development banks fund such projects to the tune of billions of dollars, he said. The meeting will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the MWTC in Gallagher Business Building Executive Board Room 382. **The media is invited to meet with representatives at 11:15 a.m.**

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